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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the claims

Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

(Amended) The foun of claim 1 wherein said magnetic assembly has a depth-of-3. pull of at least about 200 gauss at a distance of one inch.

Please rewrite claim 15 as follows:

(Amended) The form of claim 8 wherein said circular cup comprises at least one 15. flange attached thereto for embedding into the material of said form.

Please rewrite claim 24 as follows: